

HOUSE RESOLUTION 120
By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Buck, Nick, and Ben Clark on their success with Clark & Clark and on receiving the King's Award.

WHEREAS, it is the great privilege of this General Assembly to honor and congratulate those successful businesses that, through their accomplishments and tremendous vision, have become the model of longevity and success; and

WHEREAS, Clark & Clark of Memphis is one such thriving enterprise, approaching 80 years in business and having recently been honored with the King's Award; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1924 by William B. Clark, Clark & Clark was initially responsible for residential development in the Memphis area, creating some of the city's finest neighborhoods, such as Vollentine-Evergreen, Belle Meade, The Village, and Red Acres; and

WHEREAS, William Clark predicted that the center of Memphis would shift to the southeast; one step ahead of the business world, he began construction on White Station Tower, a 24-story office building completed in 1965; and

WHEREAS, continuing his vision along with his son, Buck Clark, William Clark began construction on the Clark Tower in 1972; both the White Station Tower and the Clark Tower were seen as highly risky at their inception, but both proved to be highly lucrative and practical; and

WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of their father and grandfather, Nick and Ben Clark have begun development on Lenox Park, the first speculative Class A office building in the Nonconnah Corridor and Memphis' largest Class A integrated-technology office park; many highly-reputable businesses have already chosen to set up shop in Lenox Park; and

WHEREAS, all extremely involved within their profession and in the Memphis community, Buck, Nick, and Ben Clark are ideal Memphis citizens; and

WHEREAS, Buck Clark has served on the Board of Directors for several local theatre companies, has been President of the West Tennessee Kidney Foundation, and a Trustee for the Nature Conservancy; he and his wife, Pat, have three children: Nick, Ben, and Diana Clark Gill; and

WHEREAS, Ben Clark is a past Chairman of the Board of Neighborhood Housing Opportunities, a founding board member and Chairman of the Hope Christian Community Foundation, and a Co-Leader of Life Focus 93; he and his wife, Kim, have five children: Katie, Will, Samuel, Caroline, and Daniel; and

WHEREAS, Nick Clark is a past Chairman of Habitat for Humanity, a board member of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Citizens for Community Values and the Executive Council of National Commerce Financial Corporation; a former board member of the Memphis Leadership Foundation, Nick Clark spearheaded the 385 Technology Corridor Association; he and his wife, Jo Anne, have three children: Anne, Charlie, and Leah; and

WHEREAS, business professionals such as the Clarks set the standard for other businesses to emulate; their success is nothing short of legendary; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor them for their achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Buck, Nick, and Ben Clark on their tremendous professional and personal success and wish them the best in their every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.